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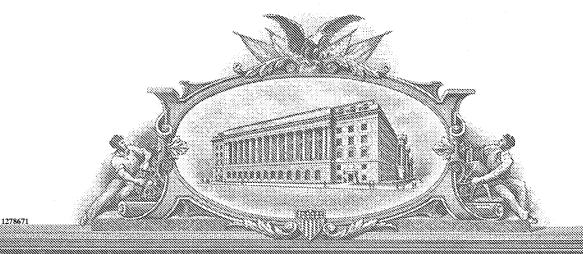
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Edge Blending of Multiple DLP Projectors Using Cosine Function

The purpose of this is to displaying higher resolution image using multiple projectors. The displayed image is tiled together seamlessly using the algorithm being developed to generate an S-curve instead of the linear algorithm that has been widely used. With the S-curve the transition from one projector to the other one will be slower than a linear curve.

This invention will seam different segments of an image together seamlessly. In this algorithm the slope is slower than the linear case. Also, the transition from the output of one projector is slower than that of the second projector. This will make the seamed area better. Figure 1 and 2 defined the setup of the tiled projectors.

The widely used algorithm is using linear algorithm for the brightness. It starts with one value at one edge of projector one, up to zero to the other end of the second projector. This is shown in Figure 3.

The abrupt change in intensity is feasible in the seamed area. To transform smoothly from one projector to the other, we developed this algorithm. The algorithm is a quadratic curve, developed using the cosine function.

$$x1 = (0.5 \times \cos ine(\frac{PI \times j}{overlap}) + .5)^{1/gamma}$$
(1)

$$x2 = (1 - (0.5 \times \cos ine(\frac{PI \times j}{overlap}) + .5))^{1/gamma}$$
(2)

Where the overlap is the seaming area in number of pixels, j is the pixels range from 1:overlap, and gamma is the gamma correction function. Equation 1 is the value of the overlapped area of projector 1, while equation 2 is the value of the overlapped pixel of projector 2.

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Equation 1 is applied to the input image before it is displayed or processed in the DLP projector1 as

Overlaped_pixel_from_projector1=Pixel_value*x1 (3)

The 2nd projector input image is processed the inverse of the equation 1 (i.e. equation 2). However, the total sum of the both projectors output added together is one. When adding to one for the S-curve would generate the desired pixel value, which will show as if the output is from one projector. The function gradually transition from one to zero, and the other projector from zero to one. Each projector's pixel input is multiplied by the smoothing function. The gradual level depends on the curve used and the slop of the curve. In general it is gradual transition one bit at a time.

The gamma correction of each projector is applied to the smoothing curve before it is applied to the input signal

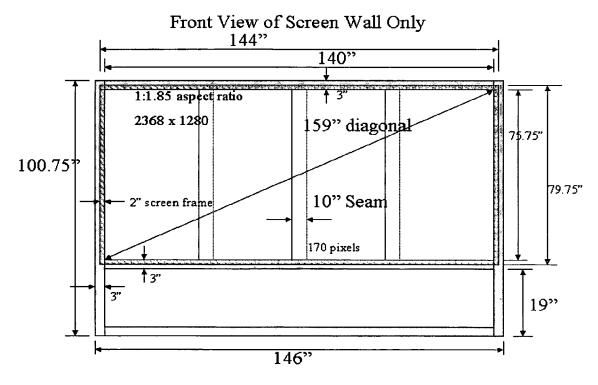


Figure 1

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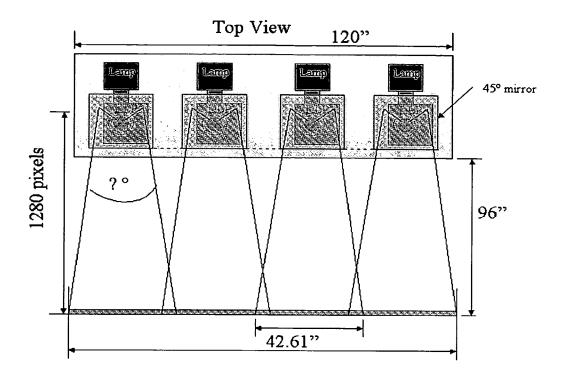


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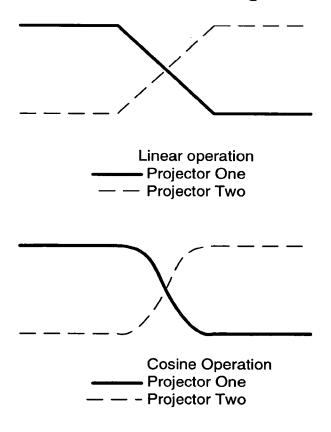


Figure 3: The seaming algorithms